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Memorandum

REFERENCE: Your memorandum dated 18 July 1951, subject as above

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1. We have reviewed the list of suggested [redacted] articles and find that [redacted] has pretty well covered the major points in the Soviet story.

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2. Based on our interest in the Soviet economy, we have only two suggestions to make. First, the story, Something on Soviet Agriculture, as outlined is a little out of date. The Soviets have been soft-pedaling their collectivization program since about March of this year. Some interesting information on the subject can be gleaned from Pravda or other Soviet publications. This sudden change in policy might make this particular story even more interesting than [redacted] had thought.

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3. Our second point is that in any over-all discussion of the Soviet economy its strength should not be judged by comparing production of similar items on the United States and the USSR. Instead it should be judged in terms of what the Soviets need to do a given job and how adequately their production meets this requirement. Naturally, this is a hard job to do, and since [redacted] seems to feel that [redacted] has already covered the general Soviet economy adequately, they may not collide with this particular point.

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